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1. TELS USUN 2527 AND USUN 2528 REPORT LATEST DEVELOPMENTS
IN NEW YORK. FOLLOWING IMPRESSIONS MAY HELP ADDRESSEES PLACE
FACTUAL REPORTING IN PERSPECTIVE.

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2. WE BELIEVE UN COMMUNITY NOW SEES US POSITION IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE. SC MEMBERS SEEM NOW TO UNDERSTAND THAT US MOTIVATED BY CONCERN FOR STABILITY IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN RATHER THAN BY PARTISANSHIP FOR GREEKS OR TURKS. IN FIRST DAYS AFTER COUP, MANY UN OBSERVERS WERE PUZZLED BY WHAT SEEMED TO THEM STRONG US TILT TOWARD GREEKS AT TIME WHEN MOST DELEGATIONS (PROBABLY INCLUDING ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF SC) TENDED TO BE SYMPATHETIC TOWARD TURKS AND TO BLAME ATHENS REGIME FOR SUSPECTED SPONSORSHIP OF COUP BY UNSAVORY ELEMENT AGAINST LEGITIMATE MAKARIOS REGIME.

3. IN TODAY'S SC SESSION, TURKISH, GREEK AND CYPRIOT AMBASSADORS ENGAGED IN STRONG RHETORIC, BUT EACH OF THEM COULD PROBABLY TELL US OF EVEN MORE INFLAMMATORY THINGS THEY REFRAINED FROM SAYING. AGING CYPRUS PERMREP ROSSIDES IS MOST UNPREDICTABLE OF THREE. FORTUNATELY, MOST COUNCIL MEMBERS, INCLUDING NON-ALIGNED, DO NOT ORDINARILY TAKE HIS INFLAMMATORY OBSERVATIONS TOO SERIOUSLY. GREEK PERMREP PANAYOTACOS IS ARTICULATE BUT IS SO GRACELESS AND HAS FOR SO LONG MADE EXTREME STATEMENTS IN NEW YORK FOR ATHENS CONSUMPTION THAT HE EXERCISES LITTLE INFLUENCE THROUGH ORATORY. TURKISH PERMREP OLCAY IS SMOOTH, COOL PROFESSIONAL WHO, ALTHOUGH NOT A FORCEFUL DEBATER, THUS FAR RETAINS RELATIVE CREDIBILITY.

4. WE CANNOT PRESENTLY FORESEE WHEN SC LIKELY TO BE BROUGHT BACK INTO SESSION. WALDHEIM HAS AUTHORITY TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO STRENGTHEN UNFICYP. WE EXPECT SOVIETS AND POSSIBLY FRENCH EVENTUALLY MAY IN DUE COURSE BRING SC INTO FOCUS ON UNFICYP COMPOSITION, MANDATE, FINANCING OR OTHER ISSUES IN LINE WITH THEIR LONG-STANDING VIEW SC SHOULD MORE CLOSELY CONTROL AND DIRECT PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. WE SPECULATE SOVIETS MAY HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT INHIBITED TO DATE BY CONCERN FOR SAFETY OF SOVIET PERSONNEL ON CYPRUS. UN REP AND UNFICYP HAVE BEEN HELPFUL TO SOVIETS RE SECURITY AND EVACUATION.
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